

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF RUNNELS §  
CITY OF BALLINGER §

On the 17th day of June 2024, the Ballinger City Council meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall located at 700 Railroad Avenue with the following members present:

Dawni Seymore	Mayor
Richard "Rick" Morrish	Mayor Pro-Tem
Ken Manley	Councilmember Place #1
Ryan Lange	Councilmember Place #3
Steve Gray	Councilmember Place #4

**Staff Present:**

Marty Akins	Interim City Manager
Lindsey Byler	Assistant City Secretary
Sharon Hicks	City Attorney
Cord Bowman	Public Works Director
Ray Cornutt	Chief of Police

1. **Call meeting to Order:** Mayor Seymore called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **Prayer and Pledges:** Councilmember Lange gave the invocation and lead the pledges.
3. **Citizen Presentations for Items not on the Agenda:**
  1. Chad Hardy
    - a. Follow-up to Animal Control Complaint Petition he submitted:
      - 1) Animal Control petition should not be investigated by Chief of Police-- requested it be done by someone other than the police department
      - 2) The citizens on the petition were not contacted by the Chief for investigation.
      - 3) Has more signatures
  2. Michael Jonas
    - a. Issue with high level carport
    - b. Requests the code book be more user friendly
    - c. Requested that City Attorney Hicks send him a letter of the standards that approved the carport
    - d. Requested that letters be sent out when structures are going up and a licensed engineer look at the structure
    - e. Claims the structure is a safety concern
    - f. Requests the structure to be removed immediately
    - g. Mr. Jonas continued issues around the area and issues with Code Enforcement he sees that need to be addressed.

**4. Public Comment on Agenda Items other than a Public Hearing: None**

**5. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approve Minutes from the May 20, 2024, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Manley moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Regular Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and/or Action:**

- a. Community Center usage fees (private citizens, non-profits, community benevolent) – Interim City Manager Akins and Asst City Secretary Gayoso presented two agreements, non-profit to pay deposit of \$100 and a fee of \$200, along with community benevolent agreement of a cleaning fee in the amount of \$125.00. There was discussion about Runnels County Jr Livestock Show agreement by Councilman Lange, Asst City Secretary Gayoso will meet with and have discussions with Runnels County Jr Livestock Show members about the cleanliness of the facilities. Councilman Manley moved to accept the new fees for non-profit, community benevolent contracts. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ordinance removing Section 17.5-20 Fees from Chapter 17.5 PARKS AND RECREATION and moving to general fee schedule set by Council on an annual basis. - City Attorney Hicks discussed moving the fees to the fee schedule to look at annually rather than having an ordinance on the fees. Councilman Gray moved to approve this adjustment to the ordinance. Councilman Lange seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
  - 1) Approve New rates for RV spots at Lake and Park at \$20.00 per night – Councilman Lange moved to approve the new rates for the RV spots at the Lake and Park starting July 1, 2024. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Approve Resolution for check out time at park and lake park at 12:00 pm – Asst. City Secretary Gayoso discussed the check out time for the lake and park for RV spots be noon the next day. Councilman Lange moved to approve the check out time. Councilman Gray Seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approve November 5, 2024, election agreement with Runnels County. – Mayor Seymore stated this is an agreement made every year for the County to handle elections. Councilman Lange moved to approve this agreement. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. Approve Cyber Liability Interlocal agreement with TML Risk Pool. – Interim City Manager Akins discussed the liabilities with Cyber Attacks. City Attorney Hicks explained that it is no longer opt out, but rather opt in. Councilman Lange moved to approve the Interlocal agreement with TML Risk Pool. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 7. City Manager's Report:

- a. Public Works Update: Cord Bowman
  - i. Streets and Parks- Public Works Director Bowman reported the patching truck is being utilized in major problem areas. Bowman discussed upcoming Interlocal Paving with Runnels County Pct 1.
  - ii. Upcoming Projects- Bowman explained the pool is being cleaned and filled with well water and treated for the upcoming proposals to fix in the upcoming months. The pool will not be open this summer. Bowman also discussed the upcoming fireworks show that will be on Saturday June 22, 2024, in the evening. The crews are working to get all the grass down and prepare for the show. Councilman Gray inquired about the Applicator License as well as when the mosquito spraying will start. Bowman informed the council they are waiting for the company to calibrate the machine.
  
- b. Public Utilities Update: David Brem- unable to attend due to Water plant issues.
  - i. Sewer and Water- Interim City Manager Akins discussed the lead pipe survey is coming along and will be done prior to deadline. Councilman Morrish asked about the galvanized pipe in the ground and how much was there. Akins also informed the Council of a bad valve at the plant causing issues in the water.
  - ii. Upcoming Projects- None presented
  
- c. Public Safety Update: Chief Ray Cornutt
  - i. Police Department –Report attached. Touch a Truck with the local Elementary School. One pursuit with tire damage.
  - ii. Animal Control- Report attached.
  - iii. Fire Department – Report attached. Update on ISO review.
  
- d. Interim City Manager: Marty Akins
  - i. Code Enforcement – Interim Akins discussed protocols; evaluations will be done in the next few weeks as well as a scheduled Board of Building Standards Meeting on June 25, 2024.
  - ii. FY 2025 Budget update – Interim Akins discussed the moving parts, retirements, and income of the budget process. Department Heads have been meeting and hope to have a projected Budget for July 1, 2024, or second meeting in July.
  - iii. Financial Reports--Accounts Payable, Revenue vs Expenses, Tax Revenue- Asst City Secretary Gayoso presented the Council with hands outs along with Accounts payables looking well along with cash and tax revenue was up this month.

## 8. Future Agenda Items – Discuss and Consider:

- i. **IT contract**
- ii. **FEMA- Dawni has a contact for them.**
- iii. **Resumes to be discussed for City Manager Position.**

9. **Executive Session:** Council Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code.

a. **Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney.**

1. **Audit RFP**

b. **Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property.**

c. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.**

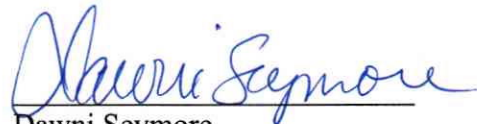
1. **City Manager**

2. **City Secretary**

1. **Reconvene and take Action if needed from Executive Session:** The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:39 p.m. Mayor Seymore stated that no votes or action was taken in Executive Session.

a. **Audit—RFP approve or reject-** Councilman Gray moved to go out again for RFP Audits. Councilman Morrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **Adjourn:** Councilmember Lange moved to adjourn. Councilmember Steve seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Dawni Seymore  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Blaine A. Ross  
City Secretary